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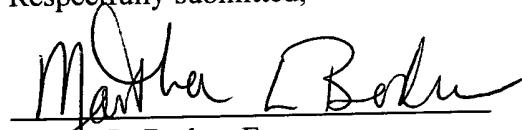
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Dear Sir:

The above-captioned patent application is a continuation-in-part of pending United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/139,832, filed August 25, 1998 and a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/789,093, filed February 20, 2001, now United States Patent 6,335,998, which issued January 1, 2002; that day being a Federal Holiday, the claim for domestic priority from USSN 09/139,787 is timely made.

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Respectfully submitted,



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